Statement-II

Cargo handled by various major ports during last three years and projected cargo for the current financial year (2000-2001)

(In Million Tonnes)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	TARGET 2000-2001
Calcutta (including Haldia)	28.16	29.38	31.00	36.40
Paradip	13.30	13.11	13.64	16.45
Visakhapatnam	36.01	35.65	39.51	40.47
Chennai	35.53	35.20	37.44	42.44
Tuticorin	9.98	10.15	9.99	10.90
Cochin	12.32	12.68	12.80	12.12
New Mangalore	15.28	14.21	17.60	20.31
Mormugao	21.18	18.02	18.23	19.69
J.L. Nehru	8.90	11.72	14.98	17.58
Mumbai	32.10	30.97	30.38	28.67
Kandla	38.90	40.64	46.30	41.97
TOTAL :	251.66	251.73	271.87	287.00

Widening of Jaipur-Kishangarh Section of N.H. 8

4694. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Jaipur-Kishangarh section of NH-8 regarding widening and rehabilitation on BOT basis; and

(b) whether the work has been already taken up and if so, what is the time for completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) The project of upgrading Jaipur-Kishangarh section of National Highway No. 8 in the State of Rajasthan to six lane divided carriageway is being taken up by the National Highway Authority of India under BOT (Build-Operate-Transfer) basis. Pre-qualification process is completed and bid documents would be issued shortly to pre-qualified

firms. The work has not yet been taken up. It is too early to indicate time frame for completion.

Financial Aid to Improve Tourism Infrastructure

4695. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided rupee one crore to some selected cities for improving infrastructure in order to promote tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the name of cities, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have reviewed the work undertaken under this grant; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) For the Integrated Development of Tourist Centres/Pilgrim Centres, Ministry of Tourism asked the State/U.T. Governments to send one project proposal each in respect of Tourist and Pilgrim Centres located in their States for Central Assistance of Rs. 50 lakhs during 1998-99 and another Rs. 50 lakhs during 1999-2000 with matching contribution by the State/U.T. Governments.

(b) During 1998-99 and 1999-2000, an amount of Rs. 1917.01 lakhs has been sanctioned for the development of infrastructure at 51 tourist centres and pilgrim centres identified under the scheme in 23 States namely Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and 2 Union Territories viz. Pondicherry & Chandigarh.

(c) and (d) Review of project/schemes is an on-going process. Implementation of the projects is undertaken by the respective State Governments/U.T. Administrations.